(iv) Construction of two 23.9 m deep sea trawlers is also under progress as part of renewal of fishing fleet of Integrated Fisheries Project.

Losses of Visakhapatnam Steel Plant

4614. SHRI K.V.R. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the loss incurred by the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the reasons therefor; and

(c) the remedial measure taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHANDEB): (a) and (b). The financial year 1990-91 is the first year of the operation of Visakhapatnam Steel Plant. The net loss for the year 1990-91 is Rs. 477.55 crores after providing interest of Rs. 192.13 crores and depreciation of Rs. 197.23 crores. The reason for loss is due to the fact that the units under State-I commissioned during the year are still in the process of stabilisation which resulted in low capacity utilisation coupled with high incidence of capital related charges viz. depreciation and interest.

(c) Government is considering various options to restructure the capital base of the Company so as to ensure its long term viability.

[*Translation*]

Veterinary Hospitals

4615. SHRI GAYA PRASAD KORI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the veterinary hospital facility is available at each Gram Panchayat in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if not, the time by which this facility is likely to be provided to benefit the rural people; and

(c) the number of veterinary hospitals at present functioning in the Jalaun district of Uttar Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (*a*) to (c). The information is being gathered and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha.

Production of Iron Ore

4616. SHRI HARIKEWAL PRASAD: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether some new iron-ore miens have been located in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise?

(c) the expenditure likely to be incurred on the extraction and production of iron ore from these mines;

(d) whether the production of iron ore is as per the requirement of the country; and

(e) if not, the quantity of iron are imported during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEB): (a) to (e). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.